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**Letter submitted for your consideration - Item 9B**

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**To** City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Dear

Capitola City Council,

Thank

you for your service. I write today knowing you to be leaders who support civil discourse and respect for others. These values are foundational to democracy, representative government and outcomes for our community. In light of this, public agenda item 9B should be dismissed outright.

Councilmember

Orbach has acknowledged that naming an individual was a mistake she will not repeat, but her comments on April 17 were rooted in truth, transparency, and a mother's instinct to protect her family. She has demonstrated integrity by offering mediation multiple times through the Conflict Resolution Center, and she continues to show restraint in the face of relentless personal attacks. Recognizing these good-faith efforts at resolution, this Council should move to dismiss.

The

facts are clear: Councilmember Orbach described threatening behaviors accurately. She did not engage in name-calling, slander, or personal attacks—she simply set boundaries that any public servant has the right to establish.

As

a community leader and mother who deeply values the essential work of our representative democracy, I welcome your role to lead with calm, fortitude and clarity and dismiss this claim outright on September 25.

Respectfully,

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